

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 15, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2410 - SB 2722**

This bill, if enacted, will require all health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other health plans that include maternity care to provide such care in accordance with the most current version of “Guidelines for Perinatal Care” prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists” (AAP/ACOG).

AAP/ACOG guidelines set criteria for early discharge (less than 48 hours) or very early discharge (less than 24 hours) for mother and infant. Emergency regulations just established by the Bureau of TennCare and the Department of Commerce and Insurance set standards that are fundamentally similar to the AAP/ACOG guidelines.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill on the TennCare program is estimated to be not significant. The AAP/ACOG guidelines required in the bill are fundamentally similar to the new emergency TennCare regulations.

The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be not significant to state and local government health benefit plans.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be not significant to the health care industry because the AAP/ACOG guidelines required in the bill are fundamentally similar to the emergency rules recently adopted by the Department of Commerce and Insurance as industry standards. This impact is included as required by T.C.A. 3-2-111.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director